

Africa-China Relations through universities, think tanks, and research centers



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| Project Title | Africa-China Relations through universities, think tanks, and research centers |
| Project Summary | In recent decades, China has invested strongly both in its domestic centers of knowledge creation, e.g. think tanks, policy institutes, and universities, as well as their international equivalents. This internship will examine the policy implications of these investments as they relate to Africa. |
| Country | Germany |
| Country/Region of Focus | Africa |

Project Description

Chinese research grants, academic exchanges, publishing funds, and other financial support to African universities, think tanks and research centers have drastically increased, as have Chinese equivalent institutions focused on Africa. Although some efforts to track research funding exist, understanding of the levels, targets, objectives and impacts of these investments is very limited. This internship will produce a list of examples and overall analysis of Chinese support to African centers of knowledge creation and Chinese centers of Africa-related knowledge creation. The intern will also look at the discourses emerging from this investment and how and where it enters academic, policy, media, or other forums. Knowledge of African academic institutions and an interest in academic work on the subject, such as Foucault's work on knowledge creation, discourses, and power, would be a plus.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Analytical writing

Political Analysis

Research

Additional Information

The intern will present their work to policy makers and programmatic staff across several government agencies. The intern will be one of several joining us and will liaise with experts in the field of African international relations. The intern will be asked to post parts of their research and work on a collaborative knowledge management portal. Working use of Arabic, French, Portuguese, Chinese or Swahili is an additional plus. AFRICOM staff will provide guidance, feedback, recommendations, connections to a community of practice, and government/international relations career mentoring. Interns can opt to be featured on an APAN site for related researchers and for interns who turn in final products, AFRICOM staff will provide a letter of recommendation.

Language Requirements

None